



Press release

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## Genopole Young Biotech Award €100,000 for the Best of Biotech!



Have you developed an original biotechnological concept to reduce pollution, to produce bio-sourced material or to invent new industrial bio-process less energy-consuming? No matter what your biotechnological innovation is, as long as it is not in the medical sector, you can participate to win the Genopole Young Biotech Award! The competition laureate will receive a first prize valued at €100,000, including a financial grant of €30,000.

**Application Deadline: Monday, 2 October 2017.**  
**The award ceremony will be held in December 2017.**

The Genopole Young Biotech Award is unique for two reasons:

- It awards biotech innovation that has sustainable development in mind (in environmental, food, agriculture and industrial sectors.... basically everything except in healthcare)
- The first prize grants €30,000 in cash to the laureate.

Following the footsteps of Glowee (bio-produced lighting), Ynsect (insect breeding specialist for feed market), Biostart (water depollution), Novolyze (food safety using surrogate microorganisms) ..., who will win the 2017 edition of the Genopole Young Biotech Award?

Once settled in the biocluster Genopole (Paris Region, France), the laureate will benefit from a favorable environment to develop its project or company on both scientific and business aspects as well as increase its exposure to future investors.

**Fabrice Grenard, vice-president of Biostart, laureate of the first prize in 2016 expressed:** « Winning the first prize of the Genopole Young Biotech Award has brought so much exposure... *Beyond the financial grant, which by the way is quite significant, settling in Genopole has also allowed me to network with other startups. The offered accompaniment facilitates interactions with business angels, venture capitalists....and being a laureate is a token of confidence for potential investors* ».

**The first prize comprises, besides the financial grant of €30,000:**

- Six months of free accommodation (laboratories/offices) at the Genopole biocluster
- Access to the biocluster's cutting-edge technological platforms
- A project appraisal
- A market study
- A creation/development pack by a law firm
- A business pitch counselling
- An intellectual property counselling
- An expertise in innovation funding
- Direct access to the semifinal of the worldwide competition Cleantech Open France
- Printed and web-based communication.

Depending on the quality of the submitted application, one or two special prizes will be awarded.

**What's new this year: the laureates will have the opportunity to join the new accompaniment programs at Genopole:**

- The [Shaker](#) made for PhD students/post-docs/engineers with an innovative biotech project
- The [Booster](#) custom-tailored for innovative biotech startups (business less than two years old).

Information and candidate dossier available at:  
<http://youngbiotechaward.genopole.fr>



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